

Activities Board uses student's voice

editor:

I could not help but be shocked when I read Mr. Sommer's article on the Student Activities Board (see The Racquette, April 14). I have been a student here for three years, and two of those years much has been written in The Racquette about how dissatisfied students were with the past activities director. We now have a new director who feels the students should have an equal voice as to what happens on this campus as far as activities are concerned. We also now have a Student Activities Board, whose duties are (from the By-Laws to the SGA Constitution): "analyze the type and functions of existing activities and determine the need for future activities; co-ordinate the activities among organizations and advise in calendar scheduling; and work in an advisory capacity to the Director of Student Activities."

The Board's membership consists of representatives from various groups on campus, such as: WSC, IFC, IDC, ISC, and others. Anyone who is interested would be welcomed to our meetings, Mondays at 4:00 P.M., in the Conference Room of the

> Sincerely, Jerry Zwaga, Chairman, SAB.

Soupy missed the whole show!

In reference to the delightful, students in the presumptuous Sommer's Place last week (April 14), I would like Soupy and other students who feel as he does to open their eyes, rewhich prevent any awareness on their part, and look around our campus. This past week over thirty organizations from planning and carrying out numerous activities for our "deprived, uninformed and bewild- and play with toys Mattel

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ered student body." Plans for Senior Week are currently in the works, Moving-Up Day and the carnival as well as the WNTC radio discussion (which he couldn't have missed!). THIS IS THE STUDENT GOV-ERNMENT ASSOCIATION!

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It may be that Soupy has failed to show an interest in his representatives to the point of finding out what has happened, and what is going on. He has dorm representation, class representation and may consult any of the ten permanent representatives to Senate for any and all information vital to his welfare. If these people are failing to do their jobs it is in all probability because no one has pressured them into doing justice to their position. Did Soupy vote in dorm elections? in class elections? Did he know the candidates? Does he question them on what is going on? It is a well known fact that elections are often popularity contests, but if interest and a helpful shove is given to those who attain these positions, maybe an over-all awareness may develop.

In reference to the Student Activities Board; in the past, all activities were approved and registered by one person: the Director of Student Activities. This is not a job for one person, administrator or not. It is the intention of SGA to provide the students . . . with the exact opportunity to judge the appropriateness and suitability of their

own social calendar. This is being done through Student Activities Board with the cooperation of the Activities Office. If all of the students are content with the fact that activities may be approved or cancelled through the discretion of one person following no set criteria, but adhering to a spemove the critical blinders cific list of policies applicable to all events with no variations, then we can dissolve the Board. But is Soupy speaking on behalf of his own awareness, or is he Dorm Councils to the Debate speaking on behalf of the other Club were actively engaged in students? If we could change the policies yearly, without channels (bureaucratic or not),

didn't make, we'd have one big, progressive mess without stability or direction. . . It is a fact that as entering students we contracted wih the college to be part and parcel of the guidelines of the system. Finding the middle way, as pointed out by Mr. Harper in another article also found in that issue of the paper, is a matter of defining our position in the first place.

> Thank you, Tessa Bacon, Vice-President, SGA

WRPS staff wants the competition!

As a student who has been interested in WRPS since its inception in February 1966, would like to make the following comments regarding the future of WRPS as discused during the special program on

Mr. Goldstein, presently the when asked, ' fact that WRPS' 'Radio's Preferred Sound,' indicate that you (WRPS) will be in competition, rather than in cooperation with us (WNTC-WTSC-EM)?", stated, ". . .no a slogan is a slogan uh what are you doing to do?

In the December 3, 1966 issue of The Racquette, in an article entitled "WRPS, Plagued by Setbacks, Off Schedule," Mr Goldstein was quoted as stating "ICRN must maintain their transmitters on our campus to provide the healthy competition which will result in the highest possible quality programming for the students."

It is intuitively clear that these two views of Mr. Goldstein are in direct contradiction. Any two independent radio stations serving the same audience by the very fact that they are independent must be operated competitively. Either Mr. Goldstein has been frightened out of his convictions and has backed down from representing WRPS or he is not aware that the projected competition of WRPS has already resulted in higher qual-(See Vox Populi, Page 4)

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ity programming at WNTC. As an example, bear witness to the present series "The History of Rock and Roll," a very interesting and stimulating discussion on the evolution of rock I am disturbed further by Mr.

Goldstein's proposal of a socalled referendum, the purpose of which, according to Goldstein, is to determine whether or not WRPS has the support of the State students. How much support does he need? Is he so insecure that he needs constant reassurance of this support? WRPS is a reality! WRPS has been voted funds through SGA. Equipment has finally been ordered. There is no turning back! There is no doubt in our minds that we (the staff) have a radio station at the present

Perhaps, on the other hand, Goldstein is afraid that if he does not have more "official" support, the responsibility of a possible failure somewhere opment will fall entirely on his shoulders making him the "goat" in this situation.

Another example of Goldstein's contradictory and erratic reasoning is the issue of communicating to the student body news of WRPS' progress (in order, I assume, to bolster "sup-

Several times John L. Simson, recording secretary of WRPS staff, has approached Goldstein for various papers such as minutes of important meetings, lists of staff members, etc. and has been refused these documents. How, I ask, can the student body be accurately informed of WRPS' development, when this very information has been denied even Simson, secretary?

Whatever were Goldstein's reasons for acting and speaking in these ways, I feel that we students should seriously reevaluate our opinions regarding the future of Mr. Goldstein as station manager of our radio

He has, I will agree, initiated the growth of WRPS, but he has more than once demonstrated that he will act spontaneously, erratically, and irrationally, ac-

cording to some secret design. These actions if amplified, could very well lead WRPS to its premature demise.

> Signed, Arthur P. Bloom, 69

WRPS should not join the ICRN

Regarding the question of whether or not WRPS should join ICRN. It would be foolish for this radio station to join ICRN at this time.

believe that our station should be operational to the extent that the student body recognizes our radio image before we ally ourselves with the network. In this way, the ICRN would not at first influence our programing in any way; indeed f and when WRPS does join the ICRN the reverse effect might occur. That is that WRPS might prove influential changing certain facets of the ICRN for the better.

The ICRN, it should be noted, does not necessarily (in theory), dictate policies to its constituent stations, but is simply an effect the staff, I promise to strive tive medium for the transfer of data between WNTC, WTSC-FM and the Lewis House News Cen-

Contrary to the views expressed by Alan Goldstein in the April 16 1967 WNTC "Open Forum' discussion about the future of WRPS, we (WRPS) will be in competition with WNTC. This healthy competition should promote improved programing for boh radio systems.

Yours truly, John L. Simson Recording Secretary

keep WRPS and ICRN

Due to the controversy which arose from the program aired on WNTC radio on Sunday, April 16, 1967, at 11:00, concerned with the ICRN and WRPS, a great number of people have taken at least a passing interest in the new radio station.

Questions have arisen concerning the station and its future. One suggestion has been made calling for State to become a more active member of the ICRN's present stations; another suggesting that WRPS immediately join the ICRN and numerous other proposals have been made.

would suggest here still another idea; one which is felt by several staff members of the new station, myself included, to be the most logical and workable. I propose that WRPS be allowed to develop, as originally planned, as a separate radio station on the Potsdam campus, free of all Clarkson influence and interference. I further propose that ICRN's WNTC transmitters remain on this campus under support of SGA, as is now the case. The cost of this is low per student and would do much to keep the air

quality of both stations at a high level which students deserve. Without competition a station's air quality tends to drop, due to the monopoly of radio broad casting a single station would have. With healthy, clean com petition—not slams and digs, but rather a positive competi tion—between the stations a better type of show, of announcers, of news staff, will result.

I would set forth here that a referendum on this subject is unwarranted because SGA last year, after a committee study of the proposal of a new radio station, appropriated nearly \$9, 000 for the purchase of equip ment for the radio station. Equipment orders were placed but, due to inefficient ordering, the equipment has been delayed. This situation is being remedied, and the equipment should be here by May. The copper wire which was unattainable be cause of the Vietnam war has already arrived, and these factors will make September, 1967 programming of WRPS a real-

that student support will be there, and on behalf of for a quality of programming of which the student body can be proud. Our format will em phasize the "Top 40" type program, but large amounts of time will be allocated for other popular music; semiclassical and classical music, including Crane concerts; comedy; live coverage of sports events; and special programs designed t stimulate the interests of students in various fields. Through this varied programming, we hope to satisfy all interests of the Potsdam State students, and hope to give WRPS the double meaning of "Radio Potsdam State" and "Radio's Preferred

> Sincerely, Ronald A. Hebert Program Director, WRPS Radio

just what is this WRPS?

Having just returned to this institution of higher learning this semester, I have heard rumors of a state radio station. have asked around and all have learned is that it may be called WRPS. I ran across a few vague articles in the Racquette this semester, but this is all I could find. seems to me that the vast majority of the student body is in the dark as to what is happening.

I have a few questions would like to ask to whom it may concern.

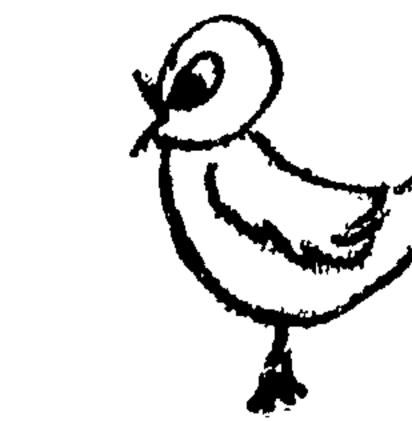
1. What does WRPS stand

2. What will WRPS do? 3. Is there a WRPS?

it be in operation? 5. Is WRPS to be governed, and if so by whom?

4. If WRPS exists, when will

From a bewildered student, John M. Burnham



by soupy sommers

"I don't care what the students say. I've got the money. I don't need the students. The heck with the students.' This is what I said; this is what meant; this is what I mean.

The students on the campus do not know exactly what they want from one minute to the next. This is not their fault; they are not truly aware of what is happening, not due to any fault of the Racquette. The Racquette publishes all that it can, but the Racquette cannot force the students to read. No. We don't need a referen-

dum. Contrary to what Mr. Farrington inferred from my statement Sunday night that had asked Doug Butler, President of SGA for a referendum, I did not promise to do so. But my thanks anyhow to Mr. Farrington for suggesting that I might be able to promise something which takes the power of the SGA. I've been promoted.

We don't need a referendum Contrary to both Mr. Bond's and Mr. Farrington's joint statement Sunday night, co-operation is not impossible with Clarkson. This, surprisingly enough, is not the first time that men from ICRN and I have discused pooling our resources have had throughtout the year, but these talks were unofficial, off the record, for we were meeting by chance and in places such as the Chuck Wagon at 2 a. m. nevertheless we hwere suggesttng to one another how both of us could benefit by mutual cooperation. Co-operation, in the mind of

Mr. Farrington and now, Mr. Bond, means what is good for Clarkson is good for State. Mr. Farrington, while saying he wants the students to benefit, was all upset that a State radio station will detract from he number of people necesary o keep WTSC-FM operational, which is not necessarily true. Therefore, I infer he means what is good for WTSC-FM is good for State. My theory is WTSC should look out after itself; that is not my job. My job is to build this State radio

made some rough state- dig at Clarkson."

ments in that interview with Mr. Bond. These statements will not be withdrawn. I'm building a radio station, not trying to enter a popularity contest. In my mind, what I've said is justified. Students, examine

Another misconception is that because we want a radio station here that there will be a split with Clarkson. This can't be farther from the truth. Dave Wells, station manager of WNTC, Bob Mayer, station manager of WTSC, Dick Harris, President of the ICRN and myself have come up with a proposal that I'd like to see followed, but no sooner than a year after WRPS signs on.

Because we have a radio station here does NOT mean that guys from Clarkson will stop taking out State girls. You will still get your man, girls,

What is happening right now with WRPS? Cable has been purchased and is here and will be put in the conduits as soon as a location for the studio is finalized. Mr. Jim Badger, of the Plant Coordinators office has to give the final o.k. at this juncture. Then the building will begin. Equipment is still on order but is not here yet. Why? Because it's almost impossible to get the equipment from Gates Equipment Company due to their war committments. At least, this is what has been told to me.

Now, I've admitted that I've stepped on toes and admitted that I said some things that maybe I shouldn't have. But I don't apologize. I want a radio, period. So do many other students on this campus.

My proposal for a network, incidently, was to promote cooperation between us and the ICRN and to give the best for the student at State. I'm not concerned with the student of Clarkson. This is ICRN's job. But as I said the proposal was to promote co-operation and get the best for our studets, NOT because I had nothing to fill newspaper space with, so thought "it's about time to